

EXTRAVAGANCE OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

Review of Some of the Great Accomplishments of the "American" Party and the Cost of Them—Deplorable Mismanagement of Funds—Raise in Taxes and Accompanying Elevation of Salaries of the Faithful—Bond Issue as a Life-Line.

	1908.	1909.	Increase.
Dept. Expenditures	\$751,492.27	\$795,027.50	\$43,535.23
Salaries	\$310,000.00	\$385,000.00	\$75,000.00

A golden river of taxes, licenses and revenues, amounting to \$1,180,881 has disappeared again this year in the quicksand of municipal extravagance, leaving in its channel a deficit of \$116,000. It is scant satisfaction to the taxpayers, who find taxes a burden again this year, to be told that all this money has been expended and that the city will have to go without necessities for another year in order to pay off this deficit which is swelling each year with "American" party rule.

Without recourse to bonds, the "American" administration would have been crushed this year by its own extravagance. On account of the deplorable mismanagement of funds, a bond issue was necessary to stave off the crash that was rapidly overtaking the administration. The \$600,000 bonds for which a number of fraudulent votes were cast, gave the "American" officials a breathing spell allowing them to apply this money where it was necessary, even if it was designated as water and sewer bonds.

Never before has an administration had as much money at its disposal and never before has such a deficit been created. The taxes this year amounted to \$600,000, an increase of \$54,000 over last year. The licenses and departmental receipts will reach \$236,000 for the year, an increase of \$26,000 over last year. The water rates will amount to \$125,000 for this year which is an increase of \$29,000 over last year.

With this amount of money available, the board of estimate and apportionment had to work to satisfy the greedy politicians. They based the expenses on the previous year. The budget of 1908 showed \$751,492.27 for departmental expenditures. At the end of that year the funds showed a deficit. With the experience of former years in the board, the members of the board trimmed the budget down for the department to \$751,492.27, a modest increase of \$7,000.

Despite the fact that the "American" had obtained \$600,000 from a bond issue to expand on salaries and water works, and the taxes set aside for these funds transferred to the contingent fund, something went decidedly wrong. The city's financial condition at the end of the year shows a deficit of \$116,000 in funds, had disappeared. The board met in July to adjust matters but things could not be easily adjusted. It was found that the departmental expenditures making a total of \$751,492.27, an increase of \$43,535.23 over the previous year, had been paid out of the fund.

RAISING THE ESTIMATES.

In the first place, Jake Raleigh, street superintendent, wanted an increase in his salary. He asked for \$12,180, which was more than he had received in the past. He succeeded in getting his salary raised but in July it was found out by the board that about two-thirds of the money had been spent in the first five months. It was necessary to allow the street department \$19,000 more, which brings the total to more than \$12,000.

NEEDED FOR INTEREST.

The city had to meet interest on bonds last July, which amounted to \$25,000. In order to meet this and carry on the improvements and public works, it was necessary to raise money. It was raised under the pretext that it was needed to build a new city hall, but instead it was used to pay bond interest and to pay bond interest and to pay bond interest.

INCREASE IN SALARIES.

After the first report of the board of estimate and apportionment was made, it was found that an increase of \$10,000 in salaries was assured. The administration felt in this feature, the first extravagant thing that was done was to make an increase in salaries of \$10,000 a year.

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BIDS COMING IN FOR GREAT FIGHT

Joseph C. Miller, of 101 Ranch, Bliss, Okla., Offers Sixty Thousand Dollars.

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New York, Oct. 25.—Bids for the proposed heavyweight championship fight between James Jeffries and Jack Johnson are beginning to pour in. Large numbers. An offer of a \$60,000 cash purse was made today by a representative of Joseph C. Miller, head of the 101 Ranch at Bliss, Okla.

Mr. Miller stands ready to meet competitors for the fight and has already placed the matter before Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, with a view of obtaining his consent for the battle. He is offering the \$75,000 offer of "Sid" Hester, manager of the Mission Athletic club of San Francisco, which was received last night, bids from Jack Gleason and other well known Pacific coast promoters have been received.

James Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, is expected here today with a big bid for the fight. Jeffries' manager said today that any offer for the fight would be considered seriously.

What Jeffries wants first is to get the articles signed up with Johnson. He said Mr. Berger, "It is up to Johnson to make good, and we are ready and willing to meet him and sign the articles. Jeffries won't stop on any conventionalities and means business."

Berger said no word had been received so far directly from Johnson or his representatives.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ABANDONS HAZEN ROUTE

Reno, Nevada, Oct. 25.—It is stated that the Southern Pacific in its search for a short line to Los Angeles has virtually abandoned consideration of Hazen as an objective point for the cut-off. Recent developments have brought to light the presence of three large and well appointed corps of Southern Pacific surveyors who occupy the field in central Nevada. These engineers are running lines for a new outlet of the aqueduct line via either Winnemucca, Battle Mountain or Palisade. The latter point is not regarded with special favor owing to the broken character of the country, which would render construction expensive.

SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS.

Out of Respect to Memory of Late Justice Rufus W. Peckham.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Out of respect to the memory of the late Justice Rufus W. Peckham, the supreme court of the United States today, after a session which did not continue for more than two minutes adjourned until next Monday.

LARGE DEFEATS SQUIRES.

Melbourne, Oct. 25.—"Bill" Lange, the Australian pugilist, today knocked out "Bill" Squires of Australia. In the twentieth round. They fought for the heavyweight championship of Australia.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

Omaha, Oct. 25.—Prefaced by the usual hour of prayer and prayer, the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union resumed its work today with a full attendance of delegates and well filled galleries.

Reports of organizers occupied the morning session. The convention is held in the city of Omaha, Nebraska. The convention is held in the city of Omaha, Nebraska. The convention is held in the city of Omaha, Nebraska.

HOW TAFT STANDS UPON RED-HOT FOR A CHALLENGE

Opposed to Great Bond Issue, Will Do His Best to Fix Matters So He Can Have Another Chance at the Cup.

MUST BE WELL DEVISED PLAN ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TODAY.

New York, Oct. 25.—"I have come over this time red hot for a challenge to the New York Yacht club and will do my best to arrange matters with the club so that I can have another chance to lift the America's cup."

So spoke Sir Thomas Lipton today on his arrival from Europe. He will be in New York several days. "I don't care to talk more definitely," Sir Thomas said, "until I have seen the yacht club committee, who will have this matter in charge."

It is believed Sir Thomas has brought with him a challenge conditioned upon modification of the rules governing contests for the America's cup.

Sir Thomas desires the club to change the present rules so that he can bring over a Shamrock IV, built under rules which will permit the construction of a substantial racing craft.

The present rule governing America's cup races provides only for a given water line length and under this condition fragile racing machines were developed.

Sir Thomas expects to meet members of the New York Yacht club within a few days.

Sir Thomas later consented to talk about what he would like to see done in order to give challengers what he considered an equal chance with American yachts in cup races.

"I have been defeated three times in America's waters," said Sir Thomas, "and I will say frankly that on each occasion the best boat has won. However, every time I have challenged the racing rules have been changed so that each new race has required that I build a bigger frigate than the last one. Five times the rules have been changed."

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SPAIN WILL NOT PUSH CAMPAIGN IN MOROCCO

Madrid, Oct. 25.—Lieut. Gen. De Luque, minister of war in the new Liberal cabinet, in an interview today confirmed the report that the government had decided not to push further the Moroccan campaign.

He said the Liberal cabinet had been in power before they would have avoided the bloody and costly war and that henceforth the object of the government would be to guarantee the safety of the country by the system of fortified positions which were already occupied.

De Luque added that though the Liberals disapproved of the recent acts of repression at Barcelona, they had been proven guilty on evidence and had been legally and judicially condemned.

The Republicans won at yesterday's municipal election in Madrid.

MODEL HUSBAND OR JUST HEAD-PECKED

Samuel Van Nostran Who Took First Prize at "Hubby Show" Gets Credit From Wife.

PLEASANT BEFORE BREAKFAST

Wife Keeps Cash; He's Prompt at Meals, Adept With Chaffing Dish; Sees on Buttons Beautifully.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Samuel Van Nostran, who was adjudged the "model husband" at the second "hubby show," held at the home of Mrs. James Sidney McCullough, received from his wife yesterday credit for being the possessor of all the virtues necessary to make an ideal mate.

"Other than possessing the almost superhuman quality of being good natured before breakfast," said Mrs. Van Nostran, "my husband allows me to carry the family pocket book and declares, just as if he meant it, that my cooking is so far above 'mother's' efforts in the culinary line that there could be no comparison. If that is not glory enough for one woman I would like to know what is."

The complete list of desirable qualities attributed to her husband by Mrs. Van Nostran are:

Prompt at meals. Good entertainer. An adept with the chaffing dish. Good at the home of Mrs. James Sidney McCullough, received from his wife yesterday credit for being the possessor of all the virtues necessary to make an ideal mate.

MORE SALARY ALDERMEN GET LESS WORK DONE

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Increases in salary from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for the aldermen elected last April do not seem to have made the councilmen any more regular attenders at city committee sessions. Chairman Hey of the committee on street nomenclature has been trying for three weeks to get a quorum of his committee together. He has failed absolutely.

ALL THE CANDIDATES CLAIMING NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 25.—New York's stirring municipal campaign has entered today the definitely prophetic stage and already the managers of the various canvasses for mayoralty honors have begun setting forth the proportions of their predicted victories in figures.

Starting with the prediction of Republican County Chairman Herbert Parsons, that Charles F. Bannard, the Republican fusion candidate for mayor, will be elected by a plurality of at least 42,000 the mathematical experts of the other candidates have figured to show that substantial pluralities will be forthcoming for both William J. Gaynor, the Democratic candidate, and William B. Hearst, candidate of the Civic Alliance.

YOUNG WOMAN HEROINE OF VERY STORMY VOYAGE

New York, Oct. 25.—Miss Augusta V. Park, an attractive young woman of Oakland, Cal., is the heroine of a storm-rough voyage, which her father's big American sailing ship, the Acme, has just completed. It required 128 days for the Acme to round Horn from San Francisco to this port and during that time the vessel experienced many adventures.

Miss Park shipped as a companion for her father, who was the owner of the vessel. She was a surgeon, nurse, cook, seamstress, sailor and fisherman.

After rounding Cape Horn, the Acme ran into a terrific storm during which the first mate was hurled from the wheel, his arm being broken in two places, and his right hand split open. While the storm raged, Miss Park set the broken bones, mended the hand and put the arm in splints and shepherded the crew as a trained nurse to the mate. In other storms many of the sails were carried away and the decks were under water, but at no time did the young woman display the least symptom of fright.

MRS. HUNTINGTON BUYS A VALESQUEZ PORTRAIT

New York, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Callie Huntington, widow of the California railroad man, has purchased Col. Valesquez's famous painting by Valesquez, a life-size full-length portrait of the Duke of Orléans, Philip the Fourth's powerful minister, which until recently was among the art treasures of the Dorchester house, now the American embassy at London, according to a cablegram received here. It is reported that Mrs. Huntington paid \$40,000 for the picture.

Mrs. Huntington has recently received a very large sum in the paintings.

EIGHT BOILERS EXPLODED.

One Man Killed, Four Hurt, Property Lost Quarter of Million.

Milwaukee, Oct. 25.—An explosion of eight boilers in the Pabst Brewing company's plant this morning, resulted in the death of one employee, the injury of four others and property damage estimated at \$250,000. The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained.

The explosion reduced the power plant to a pile of debris and shattered a section of the city within a radius of half a mile of the brewery, breaking many windows. One of the boilers was blown across the street onto the roof of a three-story building. An elevator 60 feet in height and 40 feet wide, just south of the power plant, was jarred three feet off its foundation.

One of the injured declared the bursting of an 18-inch steam pipe carrying steam from the battery of eight boilers wrecked the power building.